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SUBJECT: FRENCH MILITARY SALES TO LATIN AMERICA

1. THE MAY 6 EDITIONS OF LE FIGARO AND LE MONDE CARRY STORY DETAILING RECENT CONTRACTS FOR SALES OF MILITARY HARDWARE TO LATIN AMERICA, OF TOTAL VALUE 210 MILLION FRANCS. SALES BY COUNTRY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. CHILE: 2,304 68MM ROCKETS TYPE 253 WITH SHAPED CHARGE VALUE 1.9 MILLION FRANCS; 100 AIR-GROUND AS-11 MISSILES (INERT); 200 AIR-GROUND AS-12 MISSILES (ACTIVE); 4 HELICOPTER-MOUNTED FIRING SYSTEMS, OF TOTAL VALUE 14.5 MILLION FRANCS (CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH ALLENDE GOVERNMENT).

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3. COLOMBIA: 9,500,000 7.62 NATO CARTRIDGES, VALUE

6.5 MILLION FRANCS; 2 LAMA SA-3L5B HELICOPTERS (CIVILIAN VERSION), WITH EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS, VALUE 2.6 MILLION FRANCS.

4. HAITI: 50,000 7.62MM BLANK CARTRIDGES VALUE 20,400 FRANCS.

5. PERU: 130 PPK AUTOMATIC PISTOLS WITH CLIP; DOPPLER BAR FOR MEASURING INITIAL SPEED FOR ARTILLERY SHELLS MEDOVIC TYPE, NO VALUE GIVEN.

6. EL SALVADOR: 12 USED AMX-13 TANKS, VALUE 4.8 MILLION FRANCS.

7. GUATAMALA: 8 USED AMX-L3 TANKS VALUE 3.2 MILLION FRANCS.

8. BRAZIL: 2 PUMA SA-330 HELICOPTERS AND 6 GAZELLE SA-341 HELICOPTERS, VALUE 24 MILLION FRANCS, TO GOVERNMENT SAO PAULO STATE; 3 PUMA HELICOPTERS TO GOVERNMENT OF CRUZEIRO DO SUL STATE, 21 MILLION FRANCS. ALL AIRCRAFT CIVILIAN VERSION.

9. EQUADOR: 41 AMX-L3 TANKS WITH BATTERIES AND SPARE PARTS, 4,000 105MM CARTRIDGES FOR AMX; 6 155MM SELF-PROPELLED GUNS WITH 3,000 CARTRIDGES. TOTAL VALUE 124 MILLION FRANCS PAYABLE 20 PERCENT ON ORDER BALANCE ON CREDIT OF 5 YEARS. ALSO 4 LAMA HELICOPTERS, VALUE 6 MILLION FRANCS.

10. ARTICLE STATES THAT ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS BEING SOUGHT OR NEGOTIATED WITH EQUADOR, PERU, ARGENTINA, COLUMBIA, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA, AS WELL AS PROPOSALS TO COSTA RICA, GUATAMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND EL SALVADOR FOR 60, 80, AND 120MM MORTARS AND ROCKET LAUNCHING SYSTEMS.

11. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE ALL ABOVE CONTRACTS PROHIBIT RESALE BY PURCHASERS.

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